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The Reality of Science Friction

Richard Harris a NPR science correspondent and the author of the book named “Rigor Mortis: How Sloppy Science Creates Worthless Cures, Crushes Hope, and Wastes Billions” gave his speech on “Science Friction”. On Thursday, October 19th, 2017, many people could hear Richard Harris speech in Knight Auditorium at Spurlock Museum at UIUC.

The audience was filled with students, professors, and the public. Harris explained to his audience how many factors are slowing the process in research. He states, “We need rigorous science we can rely on”

He even goes on to explain the “primary” causes of how research is being slowed. For example, two primary causes are “Bad ingredients and Designs susceptible bias”. Harris includes the solutions to the primary sources. Which are “Validating ingredients, transparency, better training, and easing the financial crunch”.

During Harris speech, he includes other key figures on campus response about Science Friction. He had people such as Henry Bourne, Steve Goodman, and John Loannidis. According to Harris, they all left an impact on this concept of Science Friction.

Steve Goodman states, “The real problem is balancing ambition and delight”. The insight of the other key figure had an important impact on his speech because he could show other people had the same ideas.

After Richard Harris speech, his audience applauded, and the questions came flowing in.

Multiple of his audience members had questions about his concept of research. Harris responded to each question.